posts and promotion of personnel to the higher grades in their Lamp Division at Hyderabad due to continued losses suffered by it; and

(b) whether it is a fact that such ban is not in force for the posts in management cadres ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) There is a general ban on creation of posts, recruitments and promotions in the Lamp Division of HMT for the year 1986-87 in view of its unsatisfactory financial position.

(b) No, Sir.

Production of Synthetic Fibre

2679. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many licences have been given for the manufacture of synthetic fibres during the last two years;

(b) what is the total prouction thereof; and

(c) how far it is going to affect the cotton consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Four Industrial Licences have been issued for manufacture of Polyester Staple Fibre and Acrylic Fibre during 1985 and 1986 (upto October, 1986).

(b) The total production of Polyester Staple Fibre and Acrylic Fibre (from existing plants) during 1984-85 and 1985-86 was as follows: —

(in tonnes)

	1984-87	1985-86
Polyester Staple Fibre	38970	42806
Acrylic Fibre	20960	23000

(c) The production of synthetic fibre is not likely to adversely affect the cotton consumption.

मध्य प्रदेश को मिट्टी के तेल का आबंटन

@2679क. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने मिट्टी के तेल का राज्यवार कितना मासिक कोटा आबंटित किया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के लिए आबंटित कोटा इसकी वास्तविक मांग को पूरा करने के लिए बहुत कम है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश के मिट्टी के तेल के कोटे में वृद्धि करने की संभावना है?.

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) शीतकालीन ब्लाक, जिसमें नवम्बर, 1986 से फरवरी, 1987 के महीने शामिल हैं, उसमें राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को किये गये किरासन के आबंटन को दर्शाने वाला विवरण पत्र संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए)

(ख) और (ग) जी नहीं, तथापि बढ़ी हुई मांग को पूरा करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को शीतकालीन ब्लाक में 27,552 टन प्रतिमास किरासन तेल का आबंटन किया गया है, जबकि पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि में उसे 25,000 टन का आबंटन किया गया था।

@पूर्वत : अतारांकित प्रश्न 2477 जिसे 28 नवम्बर, 1986 से स्थानान्तरित किया गया ।

विवरण

राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को नवम्बर, 1986 से फरवरी, 1987 मास वाले शीत-कालीन ब्लाक में किये गये किरासन के मासिक आवंटन

(आंकड़े टनों में)

राज्य/संघ राज्य का नाम	आवंटित मात्रा (प्रति माह)
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	42900
असम	18140
बिहार	32202
गुजरात	56285
हरियाणा	10430
हिमाचल प्रदेश	2810
जम्मू और काश्मीर	5160
कर्णाटक	31890
केरल	19312
मध्य प्रदेश	27552
महाराष्ट्र	104300
मनीपुर	1600
मेघालय	1080
नागालैंड	740
उड़ीसा	11345
पंजाब	21340
राजस्थान	19646
सिक्किम	800
तमिलनाडु	46110
त्रिपुरा	1790
उत्तर प्रदेश	62148
पश्चिम बंगाल	50970
अण्डमान	240
अरूणाचल प्रदेश	710
चण्डीगढ़	1550
दादरा और नगर हवेली	
दिल्ली	17660
गोआ, दमन और दीयू	2140
मिजोरम	500
पांडिचेरी	1150
लक्ष्यद्वीप	50

Foreign exchange expenditure incurred by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.

@2679-B. Shri D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inquiry was held into the question of foreign exchange expenditure incurred by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, in connection with the procurement of mining equipment during the last four years.

(b) whether Government had received several reports and representations from various sources against the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.;

(c) if so, what are the facts and the details thereof; and

(c) what further steps are being contemplated to ensure that the NLC does not use the foreign exchange loan to procure any further defective equipment to cause losses to the country ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Neyveli Lignite Corporation have been procuring equipment through global tenders for its Second Mine-Stages I & II. Some representations were received in respect of two of these tenders. These were (i) purchase of spreaders for the Second Mine-Stage II, and (ii) placing of orders for conveyors. In both these cases, as in others, NLC had followed the prescribed procedures and its decisions have been concurred with by the West German financing agency which had extended credit assistance to the two projects.

(d) Does not arise.

@ Previously unstarred question 2703 transferred from the 2nd December, 1986.